

SENATE BILL 1285

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 44; Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 65,
Chapter 29, relative to open meetings and public
records of telephone cooperatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Telephone Cooperative Transparency Act of 2011."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-102(b)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() The board of directors of any telephone cooperative, organized under title 65, chapter 29.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-101, is amended by adding the following language immediately after the existing language in the section:

"Records", as used in this part, shall also be construed to include the records of board meetings, financial disclosures required by state or federal law, and financial statements of any telephone cooperative, organized under title 65, chapter 29.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.